

**Table 4.**  
**Historical labor force participation rates for selected age groups 1980-2004**  
 (percent)

Year	16-19	20-24	25-54	55-64	65 & over
1980	56.7	77.2	78.6	55.7	12.5
1981	55.4	77.3	79.3	55.0	12.2
1982	54.1	77.1	79.8	55.1	11.9
1983	53.5	77.2	80.1	54.5	11.7
1984	53.9	77.6	80.7	54.2	11.1
1985	54.5	78.2	81.5	54.2	10.8
1986	54.7	78.9	82.0	54.0	10.9
1987	54.7	78.9	82.5	54.4	11.1
1988	55.3	78.7	82.9	54.6	11.5
1989	55.9	78.7	83.4	55.5	11.8
1990	53.7	77.8	83.5	55.9	11.8
1991	51.6	76.7	83.4	55.5	11.5
1992	51.3	77.0	83.6	56.2	11.5
1993	51.5	77.0	83.4	56.4	11.2
1994	52.7	77.0	83.4	56.8	12.4
1995	53.5	76.6	83.5	57.2	12.1
1996	52.3	76.8	83.8	57.9	12.1
1997	51.6	77.6	84.1	58.9	12.2
1998	52.8	77.5	84.1	59.3	11.9
1999	52.0	77.5	84.1	59.3	12.3
2000	52.0	77.8	84.0	59.2	12.9
2001	49.6	77.1	83.7	60.4	13.0
2002	47.4	76.4	83.3	61.9	13.2
2003	44.5	75.4	83.0	62.4	14.0
2004	43.9	75.0	82.8	62.3	14.4